

Remarks

Claim 24 is canceled.

Claims 1 and 9 are amended.

Claims 1, 3-10, 19-23 and 25-26 will be pending upon entry of this amendment.

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 24. Claim 24 is canceled.

Claim 9 is amended to delete a semi-colon.

No new matter is added.

Claim 24 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but is otherwise allowable. The present claims now include the limitations of claim 24.

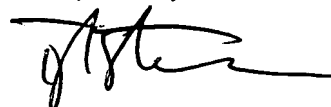
Thus, the present claims are now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is kindly requested to reconsider and to withdraw the claim rejections of record.

Applicants submit that the present claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be found allowable.

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